



Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023

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PART 3

FURTHER PROVISION RELATING TO OFFENCES

Proceedings

19 Time limit for summary proceedings

- (1) Proceedings for an offence under [section 2\(1\)](#) or [\(2\)](#) or [section 14\(1\)](#), [\(3\)](#) or [\(4\)](#) may be brought within the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to justify the proceedings came to the prosecutor's knowledge.
- (2) But no such proceedings may be brought more than 3 years—
 - (a) after the commission of the offence, or
 - (b) in the case of an offence involving a continuous contravention, after the last date on which the offence was committed.
- (3) A certificate signed by or on behalf of the prosecutor which states the date on which evidence referred to in [subsection \(1\)](#) came to the prosecutor's knowledge is conclusive evidence of that fact, and such a certificate which purports to be so signed is to be treated as being so signed unless the contrary is proved.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 19 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 31\(2\)](#)
- I2** S. 19 in force at 3.10.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/262](#), [reg. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023, Section 19.